

COLLEGES FOR THE BENEFIT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE  
MECHANIC ARTS.

[To accompany bill S. 693.]

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MEMORIAL

FROM THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ARKANSAS INDUS-  
TRIAL UNIVERSITY,

FOR THE

*Passage of Senate bill No. 693, to provide for the further endowment and support of colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.*

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FEBRUARY 3, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and ordered to be printed.

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*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled :*

Your memorialists, the board of trustees of the Arkansas Industrial University, respectfully represent: That in accordance with an act of Congress entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July 2, 1862, and an act of Congress approved July 23, 1866, extending the time within which the provisions of the act first above mentioned could be accepted, and the colleges therein referred to established; and also in pursuance of an act of the legislature of the State of Arkansas, entitled "An act for the location, organization, and maintenance of the Arkansas Industrial University, with a normal department therein," approved March 27, 1871, the said university has been located at the town of Fayetteville, in the county of Washington, in said State, and in the month of January, 1872, was opened for the reception of pupils.

Your memorialists further represent that although the progress of the university is encouraging—two hundred students having already become connected with it—its means are not adequate to the proper development of an agricultural college.

Your memorialists therefore, watching with especial interest the progress of Senate bill No. 693, to provide for the further endowment and support of colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts,

and which, they see, passed the Senate on the 14th instant, most earnestly ask that it may also, and at an early day, pass the House of Representatives.

The people of Arkansas are fully alive to the importance of that order of education specially intended to be built up by industrial colleges. The State is an agricultural one, and a knowledge of, and resort to, the best uses of the soil, and a familiarity with the teachings that science can give, both here and in the mechanic arts, are the great needs of the time.

The ordinary helps of State appropriations and local donations, and what the university will realize under the act of Congress hereinbefore first referred to, (though its college scrip has been sold as high as that of any other State,) are not sufficient to build up and maintain such a university as is desired by the people of the State.

The additional aid, therefore, contemplated by the Senate bill in question will be of exceeding service, and, if obtained, will place the institutions that receive it in full accord with the enlarged ideas of popular education, now so generally attracting the attention of the country.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,  
January 20, 1873.